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1. Thirty-one Pe-2s were counted in front of the hangars at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield on 1 December 1949. Trucks [ ] were seen at the field. The runway being extended westward was rolled but not yet tarred, although the material was available.
  2. a. Fifteen twin-engine aircraft were parked on the north-western edge of the field and sixteen planes of the same type on the northeastern edge on 8 December 1949.  
 (1) Description: Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, double rudder assembly, mounted cockpit with antenna rod at front section, pointed nose not glazed \*.  
 b. Maintenance work was being done on some planes. Three small flaps under the nose were open on one plane. There was no flying.
  3. The wooden garages on the northeast edge were occupied to capacity by trucks [ ] The AA gun emplacement on the southwestern edge was no longer there.
  4. A narrow-gauge field railway track had been laid along the southern edge of the field. A runway was staked parallel to this track. A pile of narrow-gauge field railway tracks was kept as a reserve. Surveying work was being done. About 30 workers were engaged in preliminary excavation work. One laborer stated that the Iloch Firm of the DRESDEN (N 52/F 29) Engineer and Underground Work Combine was in charge of the work \*\*\*.
  5. The field was occupied by 38 twin-engine bombers and 800 to 1,000 Soviet Air Force troops on 20 December 1949. [ ]

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a. The statements  on the number of aircraft stationed at the field generally agree and are therefore probably correct. The occupation strength has apparently not changed from that previously observed. One regiment is assumed to be stationed at the field.

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\* b. According to this description, the twin-engine aircraft are PE-2s (unglazed nose). It must, therefore, be assumed that a fighter reconnaissance regiment and not a bomber regiment is stationed in COTBUS.

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c.   the regiment is assigned to the III Bmr Corps.

\*\*\* d. The construction work on the southern edge of the field is reported for the first time. A landing field is apparently being constructed.

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